stolen from the Government forest? We don't want details. What is the objection in answering that at least?

Mr. President.— When the Government say that they cannot disclose those facts you cannot ask further questions.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to disclose facts after some time?

Mr. President.—That is hypothetical.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May we know the grounds on which these are not disclosed?

Mr. President.—When Government say that certain facts are not to be disclosed the House cannot insist for those facts.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Government any idea to keep back the facts stated here?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, Government used to tell us when they refuse to disclose facts on what grounds they do so either on public interest or for other reasons. At least they give reasons why they keep it as confidential. Your ruling deprives us even the knowing of these grounds.

Mr. President.—I understand from the Hon'ble Member's answers that it is in public interest that he is not disclosing the facts. Is it not so?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes. Sir, it is in the interest of the public.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was any inquiry conducted on the information supplied?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I do not think I will be able to answer that also.

Mr. President.—Are the Government making any enquiries into it?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.— Yes, Sir, action is being taken.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—If that is the answer given we would not have asked any further questions.

Revenue collection—coercive steps.

261. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—With reference to Revenue collection this year will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(1) the number of coercive steps ordered ;
(2) the number of coercive steps executed ;
(3) the amount realised after or during such steps ;
(4) the amount realised in pursuance of such steps ;
(5) the number of items and the extent of the property proclaimed for sale ;
(6) the number and extent actually sold ;
(7) the amount so realised by such sales ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) 11,172.
(2) 5,032.
(3) Rs. 70,028—5—9.
(4) Rs. 35,991—14—7.
(5) 1088 items. Extent 1,463 acres 92 cents.
(6) Number 201. Extent 133 acres 44 cents.
(7) Rs. 10,123—8—10.

Parambas under cultivation—Chittur Taluk.

262. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many acres of parambas are there under cultivation in the Chittur Taluk;
(b) how many acres were cultivated and harvested last year ;
(c) what was the amount of tax remitted last year owing to failure of crops;
(d) do the Government know (a) that the monsoon burst out only very late this year in the Chittur Taluk;
(b) that the crops will be harvested only in Thulam ;
(c) and that the Pattadars will not be able to pay the 1st kist of the assessment by the sale of this year's produce ;
(e) whether they will be pleased to consider the collection of the land tax only in Vrischigam, Dhanu and Makaram ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) About 42,000 acres.
(b) Correct statistics are not available.
(c) Nil.
(d) (a) Yes.
(b) Yes; in a few cases.
(c) Yes; a few of them.
(e) No.

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